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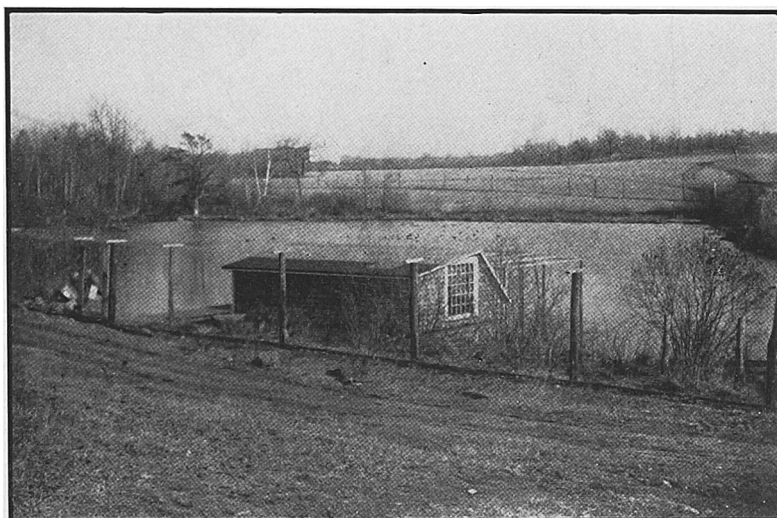
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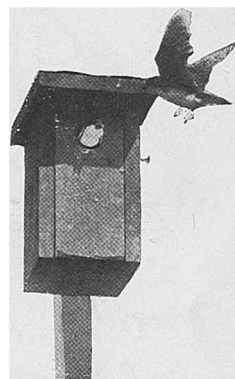
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BLUEBIRD AT NEST:  
AMSTON  
AUDUBON  
SANCTUARY



WATERFOWL BREEDING POND: AUDUBON EXPERIMENT STATION



PAIR OF TREE  
SWALLOWS:  
AMSTON  
AUDUBON  
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## THE GIANT BIRD FARM

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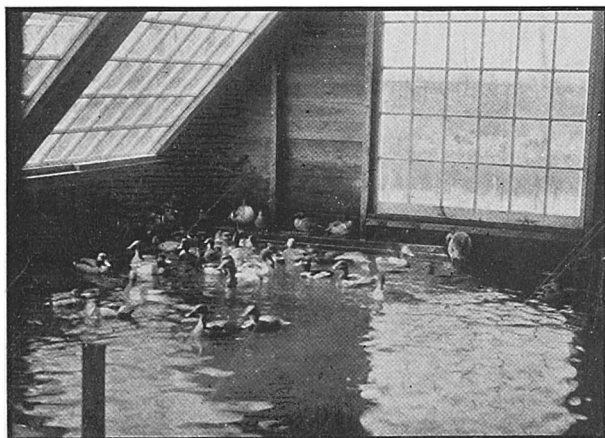
*Photos by Herbert K. Job*

PERHAPS the most unique farm in America, at least from the standpoint of the wild birds, is the Audubon Sanctuary at Amston, Connecticut. Its boundaries include four square miles of diversified New England territory which contains fields, meadows, forests, open farm lands, thickets, marshlands and a beautiful lake a mile in length.

This farm, owned by Charles M. Ams, was turned over to the National Association of Audubon Societies to develop into an ideal place for bird life. Mr. Ams went farther, and in substance said, "Do everything you want to increase the birds and send me the bills." Herbert K. Job, the well-known ornithologist and a member of the Association's staff of experts, was placed in charge of this enterprise. He has had bird boxes erected all over the farm. Thousands of shrubs and trees of various kinds that produce berries so much loved by birds, have been planted in favorable situations. An expert on duck-food was brought from the Northwest and he has planted the waters of the sanctuary with such food-producing plants as are dearly loved by the migratory wild fowl which in autumn sweep down from the North.

Mr. Job has brought many game birds to this place. There are pheasants and grouse. There are ducks from the prairie sloughs of Manitoba, and quail of various species from the borders of Mexico. In short the Audubon Association is here developing the most ideal place for wild birds to be found in this part of the country. But this is not all. The Association wishes not only to protect birds, but wishes people to become acquainted with the methods by which this is done. It also wants to encourage bird students to learn the names of the different kinds of birds of the country: where they build their nests; how they care for the young, and other interesting phases of the home life of the birds. So there has been established an "Audubon House" which is a headquarters where bird-lovers may come and at small cost remain in comfort for days and study the bird life of the sanctuary.

Although the experiments have been going forward only about a year the results obtained indicate clearly that the Amston Bird Farm will rapidly become the Mecca where thousands of bird students and others interested in wild life conservation throughout the country will gather.



INTERIOR OF WATERFOWL HOUSE:  
AUDUBON EXPERIMENT STATION



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WHERE GUESTS ARE ENTERTAINED